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Opposition to “*See Something, Say Something*”

In the current threat environment, the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) “*See Something, Say Something*” initiative contributes to public awareness and vigilance, potentially helping authorities to detect and disrupt terrorist pre-operational activity. Opponents of the initiative have claimed it imposes a police state that infringes upon individual liberty. Infowars.com on 21 January launched what it calls a “global campaign against tyranny.” Its campaign encourages “lovers of liberty” to post “V for Victory” flyers in their communities to show peaceful resistance to the perceived “growing tyranny” in the U.S. demonstrated by the DHS *See Something, Say Something* initiative.¹² (b) (7)(E)

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✚ Alex Jones, who owns Infowars.com and Prisonplanet.com, has a talk radio show based in Austin, Texas, and has been described as a conspiracy theorist. Jones has described himself as a “libertarian and aggressive Constitutionalist.”³

✚ The “V for Victory” campaign claims to be “about sending a message to the American people that we should stand united against the abuses of big government, not become tattle-tales for the state.” *The campaign appears to be peaceful, with Jones’ web sites claiming the effort is a “symbolic gesture.”*⁴⁵

✚ Jones’ Facebook page offers 58 “V for Victory” posters that people can print, and as of 24 January, 1,840 people “liked” his “V for Victory” Facebook page.⁶⁷ Over 135,000 “like” Jones’ personal Facebook page.⁸



Alex Jones is calling on people to place campaign posters in public places to counter a perceived “police state.” Supporters also might write the letter “V” on public property as a protest effort.

^a See page 3 for a sample of campaign posters.



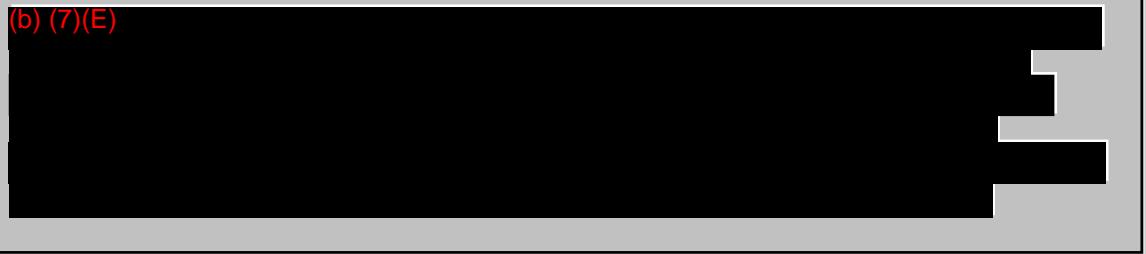
- Infowars.com claims the “*V for Victory*” is *based on a symbol of French resistance* to Nazi occupation in WWII.⁹ The V symbol was then adapted by Churchill in his familiar hand salutes.
- Infowars.com states the campaign’s symbol *has nothing to do with the 2006 movie “V for Vendetta,” which Clay Duke spray painted on a wall before shooting at the school board* in Panama City, Florida, and taking his own life in December 2010.¹⁰ However, *some people may associate the film* in which a modern-day Guy Fawkes attacks a totalitarian regime in England with Jones’ campaign.
- Transportation Security Administration security measures introduced in December 2010 caused a public outcry among some who claimed the measures infringe on personal privacy. The measures, combined with DHS’s expansion of the *See Something, Say Something* initiative, spurred increased criticism that the U.S. government has become a “police state” that is abusing individual liberty.
- On Jones’ website PrisonPlanet.com, an individual posted his photo (pictured above) in support of the campaign. Over 60 responses to the campaign shared support, for example:^b

netwrkingman Reply:

January 23rd, 2011 at 5:54 pm

Just got done with my flyer campaign, EVERY Wal Mart door pole, fast food drive thru and Star Bucks drive thru in my local 3 cities is now V'd up. Woo¹¹

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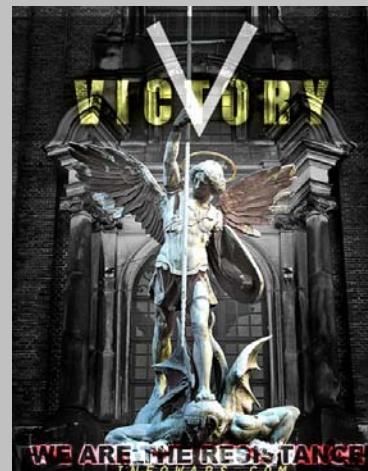
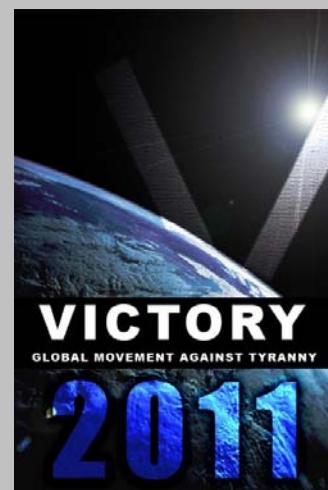


^b A review of web sites found no references to Amtrak.



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Sample Posters for “V for Victory” Campaign





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